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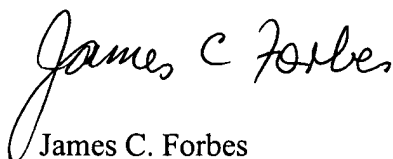
Document B1 is an English language version of an Ecuador application believed by Applicant to have been laid open on May 6, 1999. It contains similar, although not identical, disclosure to International Patent Publication No. WO 00/32189, cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated December 31, 2001.

Documents B2 and B3 were cited in an International Search Report dated May 17, 2001, in counterpart International Patent Application No. PCT/US00/32433. A copy of that Search Report is also enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience.

Document C1 is cited in the present specification at page 2, lines 11-12, and was inadvertently omitted from the IDS submitted on October 19, 2001.

Documents C2-C6 were cited in a third party statement filed in Guatemala against Guatemalan Patent Application No. PI-2000-0207, which is a counterpart of the present application. Of these, document C3 is in the Spanish language and an English language translation is provided for the Examiner's convenience. Applicant does not believe these documents are material to patentability of the present invention, but wishes to bring them before the Examiner for his independent consideration. Documents C2-C6 were apparently adduced as evidence in support of the Guatemala third party statement to the effect that valdecoxib was in Phase III development and that submission to the U.S. FDA had been made for registration of valdecoxib, as of the date of the statement (December 14, 2001).

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